

**Widening net of PF**

1318. SHRIMATI JAYPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to widen the net of Provident Fund by lowering the PF deduction threshold from units employing 20 persons to 10 persons;

(b) whether PF deductions are being made mandatory for employees earning up Rs. 6,500/- per month against Rs. 5000/- per month now;

(c) whether certain changes are contemplated in regard to investments of Provident Funds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) to (d) Wage ceiling for coverage under the Employees' Provident Fund & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 has been enhanced from Rs. 5000<sup>7</sup>- per month to Rs. 6,500<sup>7</sup>- per month with effect from 1.6.2001. At present, there is no proposal under consideration for changing the pattern of investment.

**Memorandum by Employees PF Pensioners Union, Kerala**

1319. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: "

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Employees Provident Fund Pensioners Union, Kerala has submitted a memorandum regarding revision of pension and some other demands of the pensioners; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Association has demanded that the pensioner be paid either half the amount of the salary or Rs. 2500<sup>7</sup>- at the time of